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SUBJECT: FMD CONTROL IN COLOMBIA

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PASS USDA/ APHIS FOR MULHERN

1. TO FACILITATE WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION AND PLANNING  
RE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED REFTEL A  
WE HAVE OBTAINED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS PRELIMINARY GOC  
ESTIMATES OF BUDGET REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PROPOSALS  
AS CONTAINED IN VALLEJO LETTER ( REF B). WE ARE ATTEMPTING  
TO GET A DETAILED BREAKDOWN WHICH WE WILL FORWARD IF  
SUCCESSFUL.

2. EXPENDITURES PROJECTED BY GOC WHICH ARE VERY PRELIMINARY  
TOTAL \$4.6 MILLION DOLLARS OVER 5 YEARS. THIS IS  
ALLOCATED AMONG THE FOLLOWING THREE PROGRAM AREAS:  
SANITARY MEASURES, \$2.4 MILLION; PALO DE LETRAS NATIONAL  
PARK \$1.4 MILLION ; AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR  
CHOCO THUMB, \$0.8 MILLION

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3. SANITARY MEASURES INCLUDE THOSE NECESSARY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHOCO THUMB AREA NORTH OF ATRATO RIVER AS A FREE FMD AREA AND TO ERRADICATE FMD IN THE ADJACENT URABA AREA SO THAT VACCINATION COULD BE STOPPED AT END OF 5 YEARS. THERE ARE NO SEPARATE BUDGET BREAKDOWNS FOR THE TWO AREAS AS THE GOC FEELS THEY ARE MUTUALLY NECESSARY, I. E., ERADICATION OF FMD IN URABA IS NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE FREE FMD STATUS OF CHOCO THUMB AREA. ESTIMATE OF \$2.4 MILLION INCLUDES \$260 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEMNITY FUND FOR USE IN CASE OF FMD OUTBREAK AND SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE IS NECESSARY ONCE VACCINATION IN THUMB AREA IS STOPPED. THIS IS BASED ON GOC BELIEF THAT MAXIMUM OF 1,000 HEAD WOULD BE SLAUGHTERED IN ANY OUTBREAK AND ESTIMATED AVERAGE VALUE/ HEAD OF \$260.

4. THE FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE PALO DE LETRAS PARK (1.4 MILLION) ARE TO COVER ALL EXPENSES OF POLICING PARK AND FOR VIGILANCE AND CONTROL MEASURES INVOLVED WITH THE HIGHWAY ITSELF, E. I., CONTROL POINTS, DISINFECTION STATIONS, ETC.

5. THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS (\$0.8 MILLION) ARE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES IN THE CHOCO THUMB AREA DURING THE PERIOD WHILE CATTLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA IS RESTRICTED. AS POINTED OUT IN REF A RECENT STUDIES HAVE REVEALED NO GOOD ALTERNATIVES OTHER THAN CATTLE RAISING FOR THIS AREA. THUS THEY WILL NEED SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE DURING THIS PERIOD.

6. EMBASSY REITERATES THAT THESE ESTIMATES ARE PRELIMINARY BASED ON GOC PLAN INDICATED IN VALLEJO LETTER AND DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY ADDITIONAL FMD CONTROL MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE RECOMMENDED BY THE PROPOSED JOINT U. S. COLOMBIAN COMMISSION, SUCH AS REMOVAL OF CATTLE FROM RIO ASTI VALLEY.  
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